

**Daniel Boone Regional Library  
Minutes, Meeting of March 16, 2017**

**Call to Order, Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

Susan Daly called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the Friends Room of the Columbia Public Library (CPL).

Daniel Boone Regional Library (DBRL) Board members in attendance were: Julie Baka; Dorothy Carner; Daly, President; Mary Fennel; John French; Lisa Groshong; Phil Harrison; Tonya Hays-Martin; Jean Howard; Brouck Jacobs; Kate Markie; August Nielsen; Pat Powell; Brian Warren; Khaki Westerfield and Bill Young. Lynn Hostetler, Michael Luebbert and Gena Scott were absent.

Also in attendance were Marjorie Lewis and Jordan Dillender of Brown Willbrand P.C., DBRL Director Melissa Carr, and staff members Elinor Barrett, Amanda Burke, Betsy Collins, Patrick Finney, Melanie Henry, Patricia Miller, Ronda Mitchell, Nathan Pauley, Greg Reeves, Angela Scott, Jim Smith, Mitzi St. John and Lauren Williams.

**Public Comment**

Bill McKelvey of 100 Aldeah Avenue spoke in favor of the library not allowing any weapons in its buildings.

Laura Zinszer of 111 Clinton Drive spoke in favor of the library not allowing any weapons in its buildings.

Angela Boyle of 111 Clinton Drive spoke in favor of the library not allowing any weapons in its buildings.

Kristin Bowen of 614 West Stewart Road spoke in favor of the library not allowing any weapons in its buildings.

Katy Miller of 7620 South Eagle Road spoke in favor of the library not allowing any weapons in its buildings.

Martha Brownlee of 701 South Greenwood Avenue spoke in favor of the library not allowing any weapons in its buildings.

Polina Malikin of 303 South Glenwood spoke in favor of the library not allowing any weapons in its buildings.

Kate Canterbury of 600 Manor Drive spoke in favor of the library not allowing any weapons in its buildings.

Dan Bugnitz of 107 Anderson Avenue spoke in favor of the library not allowing any weapons in its buildings.

Kate Nuernberger of Columbia spoke in favor of the library not allowing any weapons in its buildings.

Carr explained the process of entering and returning from Closed Session and invited the members of the public back to the meeting when it reopens.

**ACTION:** Howard moved, Young seconded entering Closed Session concerning Matters of Legal Action as Authorized Under RSMo 610.021(1). Vote on the motion was taken by roll call: Baka – yes; Carner – yes, Daly – yes, Fennel – yes, French – yes, Groshong – yes, Harrison – yes, Hays-Martin – yes, Howard – yes, Jacobs –

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yes, Markie – yes, Nielsen – yes, Powell – yes, Warren – yes, Westerfield – yes, Young – yes. The motion passed.

All members of the public and staff members except Barrett and Carr exited the meeting. Lewis and Dillender remained.

The Board entered Closed Session at 6:21 p.m.

The Board resumed Open Session at 7:27 p.m.

**Old Business**

**Weapons:** Lewis reviewed a draft policy that sets forth the legal requirements for and restrictions on carrying weapons, including firearms, in DBRL facilities. Two edits were made to the written draft during discussion of the content.

**ACTION:** Jacobs moved, French seconded approving Policy 2-675 (Weapons, Including Firearms) with the suggested edits.

Groshong noted that the board is not happy that, legally, firearms cannot be restricted from library buildings. She stated that the policy reflects the library counsel's interpretation of current laws and they must be followed. She suggested that the community support legislative change if they would like the library to have other options.

Westerfield suggested staff investigate action by other libraries to restrict weapons and firearms.

Young said that it may have been an oversight that libraries were not included in the list of agencies that, per state statute, have the right to restrict firearms.

Jacobs noted that, while some library patrons feel this policy is not restrictive enough, patrons who wish to carry firearms everywhere may be disappointed by the restrictions.

**ACTION:** Vote on the motion was taken by roll call: Baka – yes; Carner – yes, Daly – yes, Fennel – yes, French – yes, Groshong – yes, Harrison – yes, Hays-Martin – yes, Howard – yes, Jacobs – yes, Markie – yes, Nielsen – yes, Powell – yes, Warren – yes, Westerfield – yes, Young – yes. The motion passed.

In response to a question from a member of the public, Daly stated that the library could be sued if it did not follow existing laws.

In response to a question from a member of the public, Carr said that Missouri concealed carry permit holders are allowed to carry a firearm in a public library even if the library is within 1,000 feet of a school.

In response to a question from a member of the public, Lewis clarified that although a new law allows individuals to carry a firearm without a concealed carry permit, some locations defined by state statute still require that the person has a concealed carry permit on those premises. Carr added that the provisions of the federal Gun-Free School Zones Act require that anyone carrying a firearm on non-school property within 1,000 feet of a school must have a Missouri concealed carry permit.

In response to a question from a member of the public, Carr asked that any library patron who is made uncomfortable by another patron who has a weapon on their person may report it to a member of staff. Staff are trained to call on-site security or 911 depending on the situation. A weapon may never be brandished or used in a threatening manner within the library.

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**ACTION:** Young moved, Hays-Martin seconded directing staff to, in cooperation with other libraries, investigate legislative action to include public libraries under Missouri Revised Statutes Section 571.107.1 in the list of premises onto which no person may carry concealed firearms, even with a concealed carry permit.

Groshong suggested that the relevant legislative information be posted on the DBRL website. Carr noted that she will seek advice from the MLA legislative committee and other library directors on both how staff and the Board should proceed and how to involve concerned patrons. She will also contact the patrons who have already reached out to the library on this issue and let them know what action the board has taken.

In response to a question from a member of the public, Carr stated that the Trustees will review the rules for lobbying. She will also involve the MLA lobbyist in discussions.

**ACTION:** The motion passed.

Baka moved, Warren seconded that staff investigate increasing the security officer hours filled by off-duty police officers from part-time to full-time at the Columbia Public Library. The motion passed.

Lewis and Dillender exited the meeting.

**Monthly Reports**

**Director's Report and Comments:** Carr reported that funds for the IMLS have not been included in the President's 2018 federal budget proposal.

Carr reminded Trustees that they are invited to attend the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago this June. Powell encouraged newer Trustees to attend.

Lastly, Carr reminded the Trustees that the annual quilt show, sponsored by the DBRL Foundation, will be on display during the first two weeks of April.

**Financial Report:** Daly asked for and heard no questions about the preliminary January and February Financial Reports.

**Service Report:** Daly asked for and heard no questions about the Service Report.

**District Board Reports**

**Boone County Library District:** Young reported that the BCLD board met prior to this evening's regional meeting and passed a motion instructing Young, as their representative, to vote in favor of the Chapter 100 project at the Chapter 100 Review Committee meeting on March 21.

**Old Business, Continued**

**Strategic Planning:** Barrett reported that Staff Day on March 10 was very productive and our strategic planning consultant, Maureen Sullivan, was impressed with the quantity and quality of ideas generated. Barrett stated that a staff committee and the Long-Range Planning Committee will work on drafting the document in the next few months and she hopes the board will be able to review the draft of the new Strategic Plan by July.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

**Miscellaneous**

There was no miscellaneous business.

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**Public Comment**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

**Staff Comments/Announcements**

There were no staff comments or announcements.

**Board Comments/Announcements**

There were no Trustee comments or announcements.

**Adjournment**

Daly adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Amanda Burke, DBRL staff.

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Board Secretary